

[Rusk County](#) is located in west central Wisconsin and was created in 1901 from Chippewa County. From 1901 until 1905, Rusk County was called Gates County, after Mr. James L. Gates, a prominent landowner, who said he would donate \$1,000 to the county if it bore his name. When James Gates did not keep his promise of the \$1,000 donation, the Wisconsin Legislature, in 1905, changed the name to Rusk County, in honor of Jeremiah M. Rusk, a Civil War hero, Wisconsin Congressman, three-term Governor of the State, and the first U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under President Benjamin Harrison.

The county seat is [Ladysmith](#) .

Population: 15,268 (2003 estimate)

Land Area: 913 square miles

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